(c) whether it is proposed to amend the present Act in order to introduce the element of 'truth' as a defence for a person accused of such contempt; and

(d) if so, by when the amendment is likely to be brought before Parliament?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) to (d) The provisions of the Contempt of Courts Act, 1971 were thoroughly reviewed in pursuance of the suggestion of the P.C. Jain Commission set up by the Government to review the Administrative Laws and it was then decided not to amend the Contempt of Courts Act, 1971.

National Commission to Review the Working of Constitution

1959. DR. ABRAR AHMED: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state the status of the report of National Commission to Review the Working of the Constitution?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): The National Commission to Review the Working of the Constitution (NCRWC) submitted its report to the Government on 31st March, 2002. The full text of the report of the Commission has been put on the Internet and the report has also been forwarded to all Ministries/Departments for examining and processing the same. Action on the recommendations lies with the Ministries/Departments of the Government of India, which are administratively concerned with the subject-matter of the recommendations.

NHRC for amendments in the Advocates Act

1960. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Human Rights Commission has underlined the need for amending the Advocates Act to put in place a mechanism for dealing with complaints of sexual harassment in legal profession;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons adduced by the Commission in favour of the proposal; and